

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant : Reinhard Graf, et al.
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Filed : December 13, 2004
For : ACCESSORY FOR IMPLANTING A
HIP ENDOPROSTHESIS, AND
METHOD FOR MANIPULATING
THE SAME
Examiner : Richard R. Shaffer
Art Unit : 3733

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application is a PTO/SB/08 Equivalent listing 10 references to be considered by the Examiner. Also enclosed are 4 foreign patent references and/or non-patent literature as listed on the Information Disclosure Statement.

Reference number 8 identifies a co-pending application assigned to the assignee of this application. Applicants direct the Examiner to this application to consider whether the subject matter claimed, now or as may be amended in the future, as well as the associated prosecution history, now or in the future, may be relevant to the patentability of the present application (e.g., for reasons of obviousness-type double patenting). Applicants believe that the Examiner has access to the applications and associated file histories through the Patent Office (e.g., the IFW system). Accordingly, Applicants have not provided a copy of this application or its associated file history, but would be happy to do so, now or in the future, should the Examiner so request. Copies of the references are not submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits, and presumably no fee is required. If a first Office Action on the merits

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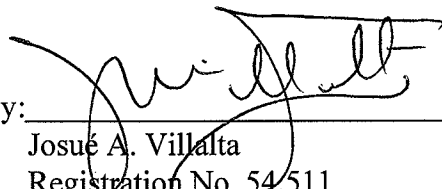
was mailed before the mailing date of this Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or to credit any overpayment to Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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